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1. On 19 July 1951, at 2:20 a.m., fire broke out in two places in the storerooms of the Gorenjska Prodilnica Textile Factory in Skofija Loka. The fire spread rapidly and ten wagon loads of cotton and wool material were destroyed before it was possible to localize the flames.
2. It was reported that the fire was an act of sabotage. An investigation was conducted by the industrial UDB, the militia, and the local UDB of Skofija Loka, all under the direction of Ignac Bizjak, a Lieutenant in the industrial UDB. Several suspects were arrested in the factory, but all of them produced alibis and had to be released. It is allegedly suspected that the saboteurs were persons infiltrated from the outside, who fled immediately afterward.
3. Since almost all raw material reserves were destroyed, the factory was compelled to close for 30 days until the arrival of new raw material.

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